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Dear Mr Weisberg

I recieved your letter of Nov 23 today. It was mailed Nov 24. The PO must have started useing trucks again for 1st class letters. At one time all letters were sent by Air mail and there was no advantage in posting by Air mail

I posted you a letter yesterday, so I wont send this Air Mail as it will get there first. My mail here in this part of town goes through a sub station and sometimes can take a whole day to get Airborne

We are in the wide open spaces here and San Antonio is about 20 miles across in any direction

I am very pleased to know that my letter may have been of some help to you and greatly appreciate your kind remark.

I am sorry that I am so verbose, for it takes time to wade through a long discourse and I am inclined to wander from the chief area of interest in my old age (I am past 72 now) My wife always critizeses me for not being ~~not being~~ more consise.

In all my engineering work, I worked

under the motto of "Close Observation and carefull interpretation" for I have learned that the minute details are of the greatest importance.

Please do not go to the trouble of writing me typewritten letter. While I greatly appreciate them and will always keep them it takes too much time.

On the questionaire sheet of my last letter - please park it in some pidgeon hole for future consideration.

I have plenty to go on with my Bibliography for I am now starting on the Magazines

Mr Penn Jones "Forgive my Grief II arrived on the newsstands here yesterday - and it was published before your "Oswald in New Orleans; which I told you was due here in a few weeks - so the channels are still open.

"Were we controlled" has hit a road block and I learn from the Grapevine and "The Latrine Bulletin" it is because it implies that the Russians were implicated in the conspiracy.

Alan Dale had a 1 hour boost of it on Radio WOHI on August 23 this years. I ordered it the same day and it is still coming

The $6.95 edition by Lemon + Schuster of "Portrait of the Assassin" is now

selling at Newsland for $1.00. The paperback edition by Ballentine was published in Nov 1966 at $0.95 and was pulled from the shelves last summer — no sale.

I do not know Mr Alan Dale, but I am acquainted with Mr Bob Dale (no relation) a feature editor for the San Antonio Express. He has done two articles on me in regard to old time San Antonio and I am researching another on the Southern Pacific Depot Fire about 1906. I have photos that I took of it with a 4 x 5 camera and all records of it have been lost.

I can always spare time to do anything that might be of benefit to you for I consider if there were people like you in Germany in the late 1920's, Hitler and the Gestapo would have never took over the Country.

If there is anything I can do please let me know and I will try to do it

My research on old time motorcycles is going slow — Libarys wont answer letters. The information is so scarce it is scattered among 19 Libaries.

I think you can buy a belt pouch for the minox B which will fit your Ataron if you unscrew the flash attachment off of it. It should have the spring covered slot on the bottom for attaching the chain. If you use the belt pouch I suggest using a longer chain than the 2 ft minox one, if you are going to use the viewfinder so you can raise it to your eye with the free end of the chain attached to the belt. It is easily dropped. Make the chain just long enough to reach to your eye. I find it easier to carry it in the outside top left hand coat pocket (when wearing a coat) and the free end of the chain fitted into a bar which is called an "Albert" that is used for railway watches and Sportsmens Stop watches its the safest place. You can carry it covered with a handkerchief around it, with a pole in the handkerchief at the lens position & pull it out ½ way and press the button for a candid shot.

Its too late to catch the post now so I will have to finish this tomorrow.

Dec 1st. Two days have now passed, so I will post this Air Mail and you will receive it Monday just the same.

Your book "Oswald in New Orleans" arrived at the Newsland yesterday, Nov 30th see back of Page 1

so it went through channels faster than "Forgive my Grief" - I will let you know how it sells.

I recieved a letter from Mrs Sylvia Meagher yesterday and she says that she had nothing to do with "NBC - 70 hrs and 30 min" and it was listed in error that she wrote it.

I got Newland to reorder it direct from Random House, by Title only aind to by pass the channels. I will let you know what it is about.

Mrs Meagher says that the forthcoming book "The Political Truth" by Epstein is not about the Assassination

Returning to the Minox - I had a look at the pouch that fits onto a belt and found that the 2 ft chain is long enough to use the view finder & it is fitted with the chain going in last so the free end can be attached to the belt

A neat camoflague for the minox IIIS (the Minox B is too long) is to open a packet of super King size (100 MM) 1/3 way on the top and empty the cigarettes and cut a hole in the far side to position the lens, put in the Minox cocked & set at 18" and 1/20 sec loaded with ASA-50 film and put the cigarettes back in - An operator can snap a picture of a man's face without being detected and when

enlarged to passport size will compare favorably with any passport photo made when the operator understand lighting and composure.

I still cant get it out of my mind that Oswald used that Minox with all the evidence that he was a C.I.A agent. You might pidgeon hole the idea for future research if you ever slow down or you might delegate it to some one else.

What proff of possession did Mrs Paine have - where and when did she buy it (or otherwise obtain it) — Is it a III S or B Model Are there any prints taken with it. Who did the processing - Is there any correspondance with a Mr Duniphin of Tulsa Okla who traded as a Custom Processing Service at 3103 Tyler St and at P O Box 1241 — Was there a Minox developing tank If there is nothing to show that Mrs Paine used it — it is highly probably that Oswald did.

The following is copied from "C.I.A. the Inside Story" by Andrew Tully - Fawcett Books, 1962 - Page 25 —

Recruits joining C.I.A to specialize in languages first have to convince a board they are capable of learning a given language, such as say Mandarin

Then they study the language at CIA expense, but on their own time - during lunch hours and evenings. When an agent becomes proficient in a language he is paid a bonus of $500.00 - 6 lines deleted on training - the student can usually read such publications as Pravda and Izvestia and can carry on a simple conversation in Russian - end of quote.

This sure sounds like Oswalds last few months training in the Marines.

There was a news bulletin last week that Marina was suing the Government for $500,000.00 for confiscation of Oswalds property

There is not a pawn shop in San Antonio that would turn over the rifle and pistol on the Warren Repots proof of possesion and from the Reports list of property his net worth was closter to $50.00 than $500.00

Maybe she is jealous of Mrs Ippots alleged $600,000.00 or maybe the Govt will pay off and say that is legal proof of Oswalds ownership of the rifle and pistol

If it is a case of blackmail I am not talking but I am afraid she is a candidate for Penn Jones lists of mysterious deaths

Keep slugging - you are winning on points as ever W C Thompson